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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS TO UN

REF: STATE 151663

1. ROK CONGEN HONG ADVISES HE HAS BEEN MAKING VIGOROUS REPRESENTATIONS AT MFA FROM FONMIN DOWN RE SUBJECT ISSUE SINCE MID-JULY, AND WHILE HE HAS AS YET NO COMMITMENT ON GON POSITION, HE WOULD PREFER CARRY BALL ALONE FOR TIME BEING.

2. DURING HIS REPRESENTATIONS HONG HAS PICKED UP STRONG SIGNAL THAT GON, WHICH MAINTAINS CONSULAR RELATIONS WITH BOTH ROK AND DPRK, MAY BE CONTEMPLATING FULL DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF BOTH. HE HAS BEEN ASKED POINT BLANK WHETHER PRESIDENT PARK'S JUNE 23 SPEECH IMPLIES SUCH DUAL RECOGNITION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ROK (IN VIOLATION UNDERSTANDING AT TIME CONSULAR RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED) AND HAS CABLED FOR INSTRUCTIONS THIS POINT.

3. HONG REPORTS FURTHER HE RECEIVED CABLE ONLY AUGUST 6 ADVISING THAT SPECIAL ROK PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY, FORMER FONMIN CHOI KYA-HA, IS EXPECTED ARRIVE KATHMANDU
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AUGUST 11 FOR TWO DAY VISIT TO LOBBY FOR ROK UN

POSITION. HONG HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING SECURE AUDIENCE WITH KING FOR CHOI BUT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY MFA NOTICE MAY BE TOO SHORT TO DO SO. ACCORDING HONG, WHO IS DEPENDENT UPON COMMERCIAL CABLE FACILITIES, SEOUL HAD SENT THREE PREVIOUS AND TIMELY CABLES WHICH HE NEVER RECEIVED AND OF WHICH KATHMANDU CABLE OFFICE HAS NO RECORD. HE SUSPECTS HIS COMMUNICATIONS ARE BEING INTENTIONALLY INTERFERED WITH.

4. COMMENT: IN THEORY AT LEAST, GON OUTGHT TO SYMPATHIZE WITH CURRENT ROK POSITION ON UN ADMISSION. GON OFFICIALS PRIVATELY CITED UNIVERSALITY TO US AS REASON FOR SUPPORTING DPRK ADMISSION TO WHO WHEN WE WERE ARGUING AGAINST IT EARLIER THIS YEAR, AND LOGICALLY SPEAKING, SHOE IS ON OTHER FOOT IN PRESENT INSTANCE. HOWEVER, ON ISSUES WHICH BECOME HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL AND IN WHICH GON HAS NO DIRECT INTERESTS, GON PROCLIVITY IS ORDINARILY TOWARDS ABSTENTION. WE BELIEVE THIS MAY BE ONE OF ISSUES VETTED AT FORTHCOMING NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AND THAT FINAL GON POSITION MAY WELL DEPEND UPON WHICH SIDE HAS MOST ADROIT LOBBYISTS WORKING FOR IT AT ALGIERS.
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